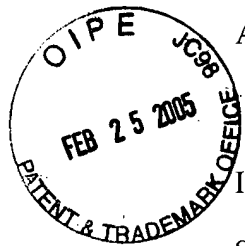


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TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS

Enclosed are the following documents regarding the Office Action mailed on August 30, 2004 for the above-identified application:

- [x] Communication To Examiner In Lieu Of Filing A Response To The Office Action with accompanying 2 page attachment; and
- [x] One (1) return receipt postcard.

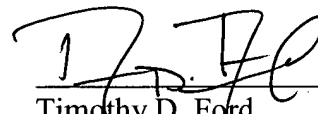
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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**COMMUNICATION TO EXAMINER IN LIEU OF
FILING A RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION**

The Applicants submit the following remarks regarding the Office Action mailed on August 30, 2004 in connection with the above-captioned application.

On November 16, 2004 the Applicants' representative conducted a personal interview with Examiner Schwartz. During the interview claims 1, 10, 17, 19, and 20 were discussed in view of the prior art of record. Specifically, the Examiner suggested adding the word "specific" before the word "brake" in the independent claims. The Examiner also suggested that such an amendment could be made via an Examiner's Amendment, which was agreeable to the Applicants.

Accordingly, the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system provided on the United State Patent and Trademark Office indicates that an Notice of Allowability was issued in connection with the above-captioned application on December 13, 2004. The PAIR system

also indicates that the status of the above-captioned application is "Allowed – Notice of Allowance Not Yet Mailed." A copy of the PAIR system page as printed on February 24, 2005 is attached hereto. During a telephone conversation with Examiner Schwartz on February 14, 2005, the Examiner confirmed that an Examiner's Amendment had been entered in the above-captioned application, that the Notice of Allowability had been issued and that the Applicants need not respond to the Office Action mailed August 30, 2004.

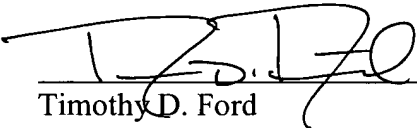
Thus, the Applicants respectfully submit that the above-captioned patent application is in condition for allowance and that submission of a response to the Office Action mailed on August 30, 2004 would be unwarranted and inappropriate. The Applicants also respectfully request that the Notice of Allowance be mailed.

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